

23 JUL 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Benefits and Services Division

STATINTL FROM : [REDACTED]
Recorder, Honor and Merit Awards Board

STATINTL SUBJECT : [REDACTED] - The Excalibur Award

STATINTL On 10 July 1979 the Honor and Merit Awards Board reviewed the nomination of [REDACTED] for the Excalibur Award. The members unanimously agreed to recommend the Director's endorsement of this nomination which recognizes [REDACTED] STATINTL outstanding efforts with regard to establishing communications between her office and its deaf employees.

STATINTL [REDACTED]

Washington, D.C. 20505

24 May 1979

Executive Registry

79-1635/1

Honorable Michael D. Barnes
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I was pleased to receive your letter concerning the "Excalibur Award" and support your efforts to publicize the outstanding contributions being made by Federal civilian and military personnel. This Agency, like others in Federal government, has many outstanding employees who deserve recognition. I will give wide notice of this program within our organization and will provide you with candidates who exemplify the dedicated public servant you have in mind.

I commend you for taking this interest in the Federal work force and wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Originator:

Harry E. Fitzwater

Director of Personnel

STATINTL

OP/BSO [redacted] mem (14 May 79)
Rewritten [redacted] mem (15 May 79)

EXCALIBUR AWARD

Nominee : STATINTL [REDACTED]
Title : Computer Programmer
Grade : GS-10
Organization: CIA/DDA/Office of Data Processing
Deputy Director for Applications, D Division

Nomination Statement

On her own initiative and at her own expense, STATINTL [REDACTED] has developed a basic skill in American Sign Language which has enhanced the capability of the Office of Data Processing (ODP) to communicate with its deaf employees.

STATINTL ODP hired a deaf employee who was assigned to the same project as [REDACTED]. Because of her interest and enthusiasm for communicating with this person, she enrolled in several semesters of sign language courses at the Maryland School for the Deaf. As a result of these courses, [REDACTED] acquired STATINTL a basic skill in American Sign Language which is sufficient for the day-to-day office environment. This ability to communicate in sign language with this particular employee assisted in his full integration into the project and ODP.

STATINTL In addition, [REDACTED] has assisted the deaf employees within her component in running a series of lunchtime American Sign Language classes for other ODP managers and employees.

Although not directly related to the quality of services provided to the public, personal and extraordinary efforts like these clearly enhance our Agency's abilities to provide opportunities for handicapped persons and to ensure that their talents are fully employed in support of the Agency's important missions. We believe such contributions, though not dramatic or headline-catching, deserve the kind of recognition which the Excalibur Award was designed to provide.